

REMARKS

The present application has been reviewed in light of the Advisory Action mailed on May 30, 2006. Claims 1-11, 13-26 and 28-31 are currently pending, of which, Claims 1, 15, 17, 23 and 31 are in independent form. Reconsideration of the present application, is respectfully requested.

It is believed that at least the independent claims as currently presented are patentable over the cited references. The arguments presented by the Examiner in the Advisory Action have been considered. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's statements in the Advisory Action that Comp anticipates Applicants' independent Claims 15 and 16.

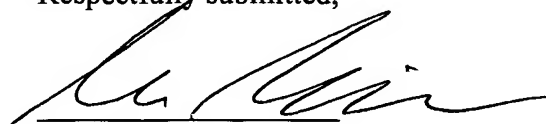
Additionally, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's assessment that the combination of Comp and Celik is a proper combination. Applicants, however, have amended independent Claims 1 and 23 in an effort to expedite allowance of the application.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview may facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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